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The Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to the latter's note dated 28 January 1992, has the honour to convey the following information regarding the measures instituted by the Government of Japan to meet its obligations set out in paragraph 5 of Security Council resolution 733 (1992) to implement an embargo on arms deliveries to Somalia.

Based on its Three Principles on Arms Exports, adopted in 1967, and its Policy Guideline on Arms Export, in effect since 1976, the Government of Japan adheres to a very strict position on the export of arms and equipment related to the production of arms. Accordingly, it does not sanction such exports to Somalia, or to virtually the entire region. As its policies are already in conformity with the obligations set out in Security Council resolution 733 (1992), paragraph 5, the Government of Japan is not instituting additional measures. With reference to paragraph 9 of the above-mentioned resolution, in 1991 and 1992 Japan extended humanitarian assistance to Somalia through international organizations as follows.

1. Assistance extended through the World Food Programme (WFP):

(a) US$ 1.7 million food aid in this amount was earmarked for refugees in Ethiopia and Somalia (from Japan's contribution of US$ 15.4 million in response to an emergency appeal by the United Nations);

(b) US$ 2.2 million to WFP-International Emergency Food Reserve (IEFR) (for the emergency relief project for Somali refugees inside Ethiopia);

(c) US$ 1.01 million to WFP-IEFR (for Somali refugees inside Ethiopia);

(d) US$ 1.227 million to WFP-IEFR (for refugees and displaced persons inside Somalia).

2. Assistance extended through the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR):

(a) US$ 9.4 million in response to the UNHCR appeal in March for its Ethiopian repatriation and Somali refugee assistance programmes;

(b) US$ 0.33 million to the UNHCR general assistance programme in Somalia (from Japan's total contribution of US$ 6.7 million to the UNHCR general assistance programme in Africa).

3. Assistance extended through the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC):

1 million Swiss francs to the ICRC Plan of Action for the Horn of Africa.